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NOTICE TO CHIROPRACTORS

The California Board of Chiropractic Examiners advises all licensees in Southern California not to give out originals or copies of license certificates to anyone -- even a prospective employer. Recent arrests by several different law enforcement agencies suggest individuals engaging in prostitution have been aided and abetted by chiropractic licensees using their license as a front to hire unlicensed individuals for illegal activities.

Under California Code of Regulations Section 316, a licensee has express responsibility for the conduct of employees or other supervised persons at their place of practice. This includes any sexual acts or erotic behavior that may exist even if the licensee is not present on the premise.

The use of chiropractic license certificates for illegal activities is a serious matter, which may lead to the revocation of your license. To protect yourself, keep the following in mind:

- If someone asks to see your chiropractic license, show only your pocket license. Never, under any circumstances, give your wall or pocket license to anyone or allow them to be duplicated. If, for any reason, you need a duplicate certificate, or a letter of certification, contact the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- Chiropractors may employ unlicensed individuals to perform such duties as taking patient histories, conducting standard neurological, orthopedic, physical and chiropractic examinations not requiring diagnostic or analytic interpretations, marking x-rays, and administering adequately supervised physical therapy treatments as an adjunct to chiropractic adjustments.
- Adequate supervision for unlicensed individuals requires that chiropractors be present in the same chiropractic facility at least 50 percent of any work week or portion thereof that unlicensed individuals are on duty. The chiropractor shall be readily available to unlicensed individuals at all other times for advice, assistance, and instruction.

If you have any questions about your responsibilities as a licensed chiropractic professional, contact the Board of Chiropractic Examiners at (916) 263-5355 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

